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**AMENDMENT "A" PRIOR TO ACTION**

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INVENTION: "METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT FOR ENCODING  
AND DECODING A DIGITIZED IMAGE WITH  
PICTURE ELEMENTS" (Title as amended)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Applicants herewith amend the above-referenced PCT application,  
and request entry of the Amendment prior to examination on the United  
States National Examination Phase.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

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On page 1, cancel the title above line 3, and insert the following  
above line 3:

**--TITLE**

**METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT FOR ENCODING AND DECODING A  
DIGITIZED IMAGE WITH PICTURE ELEMENTS**

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**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

The present invention is directed to a method and an arrangement  
for encoding and decoding a digitized image with picture elements.--;

in line 3, cancel ",", respectively,";

in line 4, cancel "digitalized" substitute --digitized-- therefor;

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in line 7, cancel "[1]" substitute --S. Hofmeir, "Multimedia fur